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AI winter or AI spring?

The image was created by Midjourney [1], an AI that synthesises images from textual descriptions*, and was enhanced by an organic human being that replaced Santa’s visage with Meister’s. If you look close enough you can see that some things are slightly off, e.g. look at the treetops in the window. But there is something innately artistic that cannot be denied. Does this herald the coming of a new age? Or are we just on the cusp of another AI winter? Whichever it may be, here follows a message from our glorious AI overlords [2]:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to the entire computer graphics research unit and their friends. May the holiday season be filled with joy and laughter, and may the new year bring you all success and fulfilment in your research endeavours. Best wishes to you all!

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*Open the link above to see the original artwork, the prompt used to generate it, and the conversation with ChatGPT.